

Homework Tips for Kids

- Start your homework as soon as you can! This will maximize the energy you have left at the end of the day.
- Start with assignments from your hardest or least favorite subject.
- Alternate between "easy" and "hard" tasks. This gives your mind a break.
- If you get stuck mark the question and move on to another question or a different assignment. Don't forget to go back.
- Pay attention to due dates - complete what is due next first.
- Break larger projects/assignments into smaller parts so they are more manageable.
- Don't put anything off for more than 1 day - otherwise you will never do it.
- Prioritize your assignments based on level of difficulty, due date, time needed, required materials.
- Highlight or check off assignments in your assignment book when you complete them.
- Pack the backpack at night and set it by the launching pad. (Students will sleep better)
- Keep everything together, nothing stays at home!

Suggested Routine:

- 1) Talk about the school day and upcoming assignments.
- 2) File any loose papers.
- 3) Review the assignment book and create prioritized plan. (Helps get them started)
- 4) Find ALL the materials.
- 5) Select an assignment, complete it, highlight your assignment book, and file it. REPEAT

Homework Tips for Parents

- Be Supportive

- Show interest in what they are doing.
- Be present (but somewhat occupied) when your child is working on homework.
- Be familiar with his/her assignment book.
- Be available to look over homework and answer questions (direct toward resources).
- Don't hover.
- Avoid creating conflicts with your child. Avoid "Why" questions, be a cheerleader and when you feel like something isn't right, get informed.
- Homework time set aside every night for the whole family. (TV and phones are off)
- Have extra school supplies available and frequently check to see if your child's binder is operational. A broken binder is the number one reason for disorganization.
- Informal conversations at dinner or in the car on the way home from school are a great way to hear about successes/disappointments, upcoming assignments, and any needs your child has.

- Help with Homework:

- Use an erasable highlighter to help them discover their errors.
- Have students save their questions until the end. Answer all his/her questions at one time.
- Help out with small, time consuming tasks.
- Instead of proof reading- have the student read his/her work out loud to you.
- When proof reading correct only 1 or 2 types of errors. Ask them what you should focus on. Highlight confusing parts and have them attempt to fix it. Do not rewrite!
- When students call friends to ask about homework they should have identified their list of questions and use the timer to help you remind them to get off the phone.
- Use a timer to help students maintain their mental stamina and learn to take good breaks without getting distracted.